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DATE: September 28, 2009
TO: Chair and Members of the Formation Commission
FROM: Kate McKenna, AICP, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: CALAFCO LEGISLATION REPORT

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION:

This report is for information only.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

State lawmakers wrapped up the first year of their two-year session without taking action on numerous bills. Some of the legislation could receive consideration before the end of the month because lawmakers may return for special sessions called by the Governor.

Following is an update on the active bills that CALAFCO is tracking:

Signed Into Law

- **AB 528** (Silva) - Completes the financial disclosure requirement transfer to the Political Reform Act and the Fair Political Practices Commission. *CALAFCO sponsored.*
- **AB 1582** (Assembly Omnibus Bill) – Makes various changes including one year to establish spheres for new districts, waiver of protest hearing for annexations involving railroads, conforming information required for written protests, clarifying language on new cities elections by or from districts, and several other technical changes. *CALAFCO sponsored.*

Bills on the Governor's Desk for Signature

- **AB 18** (Knight) – Would bring consistency to the number of council members up for election at the first election following incorporation. *CALAFCO supports.*
- **AB 1232** (Huffman) – Would allow Marin LAFCO to consolidate certain wastewater districts without protest if they have not begun the process by 2010. *CALAFCO has a watch position.*
- **SB 113** (Senate Omnibus Bill) - Would extend the sunset for the Revenue & Taxation section 99 property tax exchange agreement negotiation process to January 1, 2015, would clean up incorrect references in Community Services District and County Service Area law, would clarify where a Community Services District must send name change notifications, and would eliminate obsolete language on appropriation limits for new cities. *CALAFCO supports.*
- **SB 215** (Wiggins) – Would require a LAFCO to consider the sustainable communities strategy required by SB375 before acting on boundary changes. *CALAFCO supports.*

Bill Made into a Two-Year Bill

- **SB 211** (Simitian) - Would allow the Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors to create a Santa Cruz park and open space district and exempt it from the LAFCO process. *CALAFCO opposes (as does LAFCO of Santa Cruz County).*

Respectfully Submitted,

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